and this publication was attributed to a US Government official. Subsequently, the US Government disassociated itself from these comments and a letter to this effect was published by the US Embassy in the Hindustan Times of 27 Feb. 86. The Government considers the LCA Project to be a very important programme for equipping the Indian Air Force with state-of-the-art combat aircraft in the mid 90s and all efforts are being made to complete the programme in time and in the most cost effective manner.

Likelihood of loss of citizenship rights of Indians in Kenya

1405 SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India of 10th April, 1986 to the effect that 5000 Indians may lose citizenship in Kenya and that they may lose their right to stay there; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps are being taken to solve the difficulties being faced by Indians in Kenya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware of the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill, 1985, which lays down conditions for holding the citizenship of Kenya and that this may affect, among others, some people of Indian origin who hold British passports in Kenya. The Government is ascertaining more details about the ramifications of the Bill. Should there be need to take appropriate steps, these would be taken in consultation with the Government of Kenya.

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Shifting of the office of Directorate General of Naval Design

1406. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the office of the Directorate General of Naval Design has been shifted to hired premises in Kailash Colony, New Delhi where basement accommodation is not meant to be used for office purposes;

(b) whether there are no fire fighting arrangements and escape-routes in the eventuality of accidental fire in this building and it is also unsafe from the point of security of documents etc.;

(c) whether the monthly rent of the building is Rs. 1.75 lakhs and it is to be air-conditioned at Government's expenses;

(d) if so, when the need for additional accommodation was felt and whether any steps were taken to purchase land for the office; and

(e) if so, what are details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The office of the Directorate General of Naval Design has been shifted to a rented building in A-33 Kailash Colony which has basement accommodation fit for office use.

(b) The competent authorities have, after inspection, certified that the building is equipped with the necessary fire fighting arrangements. Adequate security arrangements have also been made.

(c) The monthly rent of the building is Rs. 1,75,192. A recommenda-

tion to provide air-conditioning has been received.

(d) and (e) The need for additional accommodation for this purpose in the Naval HQ was finalised during Feb. 83. As regards the purchase of land, the question of the permanent location of this office is under consideration.

Sanctions against Sri Lanka

1407. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of 15th March, 1986 under the caption "Sanctions against Lanka sought";

(b) whether any communication/memorandum has been received by Government in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the contents thereof and what action has been taken by Government; and

(d) what proposals are being considered to solve the Sri Lanka issue by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum has been received by Government from the leaders of the opposition parties. The Memorandum states that Government should "think of economic measures against Sri Lanka if the negotiations do not lead to a political settlement".

(c) Government has taken note of this Memorandum.

(d) Certain proposals for devolution of power to appropriate units like Provincial Councils have been put forward by the Government of Sri Lanka. These proposals are intended to be discussed with the representatives of the Sri Lanka Tamils

1408. [*Transferred to the 5th May*, 1986].

Modification of date of birth of Government servants recorded in service books

1409. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:
SHRI SUDHAKAR PANDEY
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the date of birth as recorded in the service book of a Government servant on the basis of High School or Higher Secondary certificate can be modified on the basis of the documentary evidence on extracts from Birth Register maintained by the Municipality, local body or other concerned authority as stipulated in the relevant rules;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether in such cases Government propose to allow such Government servants to change their date of birth on the basis of certificate on the birth register of the Municipal records; and

(d) if so, what are the instructions issued to the Ministries//Departments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Instructions relating to alteration of date of birth recorded in the service book of a government servant are given in a Note below Fundamental Rule 56 and alteration can be made with the sanction of the government subject to fulfilment of the